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Ideopsis similis persimilis



Male upperside



Male underside

Moore 1879 - The Blue Glassy Tiger

Koh Samui and Koh Pha Ngan.

This is one of the commonest butterflies on Samui. It is very similar to *Ideopsis vulgaris*, the main difference being the shape of some of the basal spots in spaces 2 & 3 on the forewing, which, in *I. similis* are elliptical and *I. vulgaris*, wedge shaped. Also, the cell-end spot is only slightly outwardly indented in *I. similis*, but deeply indented in *I. vulgaris*.

It can be found anywhere on the islands except for in deep forests.

Flight Period

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Wingspan

60 - 70mm

Early Stages

Fully known.

Larval Foodplant

Diplacasia glaucescens, *Cocculus laurifolius* (both Menispermaceae), *Cryptolepis buchani* (Periplocaceae), *Gymnema acuminata* (Asclepiadaceae) and *Parsonsia helicandra* (Apocynaceae)

Range

Sri Lanka, The Nicobars, Sumatra and S. China through to Thailand as far as Kedah, Malaysia



Female upperside



Female underside

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